



TRIBUNALS
JUDICIARY

PRACTICE STATEMENT

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS TO STAFF IN RELATION TO THE PROPERTY CHAMBER OF THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL ON OR AFTER 4 AUGUST 2017

1. The Senior President of Tribunals hereby approves that a member of staff appointed under section 40(1) of the Tribunals Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 may carry out the following functions of the Property Chamber of the First-tier Tribunal under the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013 in land registration cases (as defined in rule 1(3)) where that member of staff, who, for the purpose of exercising those functions, shall be known as a Registrar, has been authorised by the Chamber President of the Property Chamber to exercise those functions:-
 - a. Extending time under rule 6(3)(a) except-
 - i. extending time for compliance with any direction made in the terms set out in rules 9(1) or 9(3)(a):-
 - ii. extending time in relation to the time limits for appeals referred to in rules 52-55;
 - b. Directing that failure by the applicant to comply with the direction by a stated date may lead to the striking out of the proceedings or (as applicable) that failure by the respondent to comply with the direction by a stated date may lead to the barring of the respondent from taking further part in the proceedings or part of them, but only
 - i. when the Tribunal has not received from the party in default
 - a. any attempt to comply with a direction of the Tribunal nor
 - b. an application for an extension of time under rule 6(3)(a) in which to do so
 - or
 - ii. where an application for an extension of time under rule 6(3)(a) in which to comply with a direction of the Tribunal has been made and has been refused.
 - c. Staying the Tribunal's proceedings under rule 6(3)(m) where court proceedings covering all or part of the issues before the Tribunal have been issued;

- d. Striking out proceedings under rule 9(1) and making a consequential direction to the Chief Land Registrar under rule 40(2)(a) and/or (b);
 - e. Summoning witnesses and issuing orders to persons to answer questions and/or produce documents under rule 20, but only where, and to the extent that a Judge has previously authorised the issue of such a summons and/or order
 - f. Granting permission to a party to withdraw under rule 22(3) and making a consequential direction to the Chief Land Registrar under rule 40(2)(a) and/or (b), unless a Statement of Case has already been filed by any party to the proceedings.
 - g. Designating which party/ies will be the Applicant(s) and which the Respondent(s) in the Tribunal's proceedings under rule 28(3)(c);
 - h. Making orders by consent under rule 35(1);
 - i. Correcting an order under rule 50.
2. In accordance with rule 5(3) of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013 within 14 days after the date that the Tribunal sends notice of a decision made by a member of staff pursuant to an approval under paragraph 1 above to a party, that party may apply in writing to the Tribunal for that decision to be considered afresh by a judge.

SIR ERNEST RYDER
SENIOR PRESIDENT OF TRIBUNALS
4 AUGUST 2017